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1. FOLLOWING IS COLLATION OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CONSUL
AT 23RD DIV HQ AT DUC LAP, DARLO AND PROV REP IN GIA NGHIA AND
MR 2 MORNING BRIEFING.

2. ACTION ON DECEMBER 5TH

-NORTHWEST OF DAK SONG YESTERDAY (AT YU 787653 AND YU 767657),
ELEMENTS OF THE 2ND BN OF THE 44TH REGT ENGAGED UNKNOWN-SIZED
ENEMY UNITS AT 1015 AND 1435, WHICH RESULTED IN 4 FRIENDLY KIA,
8 WOUNDED. ENEMY LOSSES WERE 8 KIA AND ONE M-79 LAUNCHER SEIZED.
GENERAL TOAN IS ANXIOUS TO CLEAR THE HIGH GROUND ON EITHER SIDE

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OF ROUTE 8B AROUND DAK SONG SO THAT HE CAN GET SUPPLY CONVOYS

THROUGH TO GIA NGHIA, AS HE FEELS HIS AERIAL RESUPPLY IS
INADEQUATE.

-AT 0335 TEN KM SOUTH OF BU PRANG (YU 694415) AN UNKNOWN-SIZED
ENEMY FORCE ATTACKED THE 2/53. CASUALTIES UNKNOWN.

-AROUND KIEN DUC, THE 12TH PF PLATOON WAS ATTACKED BY AN NVA
UNIT SUPPORTED BY TANKS NEAR (YU 717298) AT 0945; NO RESULTS YET.
THAT EVENING AT 1755 TEN KM SOUTHWEST OF KIEN DUC (YU 665205) THE
13TH AND 14TH PF PLATOONS WERE ALSO HIT BY AN ENEMY FORCE OF
UNKNOWN SIZE SPEARHEADED BY TANKS. NO RESULTS AT THIS TIME.

-CONTACT HAS BEEN REESTABLISHED BETWEEN HQ 23RD DIV AND THE THREE
BATTALIONS (2/42, 2 AND 3/53) NORTH OF KIEN DUC ALONG QL 14.
WHILE BATTTERED, THEY ARE STILL IN PLACE.

- THE 45TH REGT IS IN THE PROCESS OF MOVING TO GIA NGHIA AND ONE
BATTALION IS AT NHON CO AIRFIELD, ONE IS AT GIA NGHIA AND ONE WAS
STILL AT DUC LAP YESTERDAY. DEFENSES AROUND GIA NGHIA ARE BEING
STRENGTHENED.

- THERE WERE 118 AIR SORTIES MOUNTED OVER QUANG DUC YESTERDAY.

-SEPTTEL FOLLOWS WITH MORE DETAILS ON ACTION DECEMBER 4.
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